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## The Commission

When the Commission to Review Criminal Sentencing was created in January 2004 through the enactment of [P.L. 2003, c 265](#), New Jersey's Legislature made certain that a deliberative body composed of key representatives of the criminal justice system would promote sound sentencing policy founded on the basic principles of public safety, proportionality and fairness. The Commission's establishment is a timely one, as New Jersey prepares to address numerous current and prospective challenges to its sentencing scheme and penal system.

## About This Web Site

This Web site is intended to convey current information about the composition and activities of the Commission, including the scheduling of upcoming public meetings, the issuance of Commission reports and newsletters, and sentencing news from New Jersey and across the country. In short, we hope to serve as an effective clearinghouse to policy-makers, practitioners, and the general public for information about sentencing policy and practice in the State of New Jersey.

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Palm Beach Post  
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June 24, 2007  
Star Ledger  
[Booker Redirects His Anger At The War on Drugs](#)

May 8, 2007  
Home News Tribune  
[Editorial: Expand Drug Rehab In Lieu of Prison](#)

May 7, 2007  
New Jersey Law Journal  
[Commission Urging Expansion of Drug Courts To Repeat Offenders](#)

May 6, 2007  
Bergen Record  
[Op-Ed: State Panel Says Drug Courts Work](#)

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Home News Tribute  
[NJ Commission Pushes Expanded Drug Treatment](#)

May 3, 2007  
New York Times  
[Expansion of New Jersey's Drug Treatment Courts Is Encouraged](#)

### National News

June 21, 2007  
Washington Post  
[Sentencing Guidelines 'Reasonable,' Justices Rule](#)

June 12, 2007  
Washington Post  
[High Court to Review Sentencing In Crack Cocaine Cases](#)

May 2, 2007  
Associated Press

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the first floor conference room of 44 South Clinton Avenue (3 Station Plaza). The meeting will be open.

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